Managing facilities in a Scandinavian manner: creating a research agenda

Presents the aims and needs of research in facilities management (FM) at the section of Planning and Management of Building Processes at BYG*DTU. As the building stock in Denmark is rapidly increasing, socio-demographic developments implies profound changes in both the needs of inhabitants and the way that buildings are used, combined with an increased consciousness of sustainability. Buildings should be seen as long-term 'investments' while also keeping in mind the construction sector's needs for increased productivity, long-term product quality and enhanced value. This is the background for developing a research position. Identifies the Scandinavian Way as using FM on a multiactor level, rather than just to serve the interests of a single organisation. The aim is to focus on small and medium sized enterprises, non-profit associations and tenants, as well as the bodies administrating infrastructure within the mainstream FM field. There is an urgent need to address how society can best manage the growing (and decaying) building stock, to develop life-cycle rooted infrastructure and building design, and finally allow buildings to be appropriated by their current and future users.